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CENTRAL FAX CENTER****APR 03 2007**Attorney Docket No.: 0160105
Application Serial No.: 10/600,930**REMARKS**

In the Office Action of January 11, 2007, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-15. By the present amendment, applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 6, 7 and 9-12, and cancelled claims 3, 8 and 13. After the present amendment, claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-12, 14 and 15 remain pending in the present application. Reconsideration and allowance of outstanding claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-12, 14 and 15 in view of the above amendments and following remarks are requested.

A. Rejection of Claims 3, 8 and 13 under 35 USC §112, ¶ 2

The Examiner has rejected claims 3, 8 and 13, under 35 USC §112, ¶1, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicant respectfully disagrees; however, in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, applicant has cancelled claims 3, 8 and 13. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's rejection of claims 3, 8 and 13, under 35 USC §112, ¶1, has been rendered moot.

B. Rejection of Claims 3, 8 and 13 under 35 USC §112, ¶ 2

The Examiner has rejected claims 3, 8 and 13, under 35 USC §112, ¶ 2, for reciting indefinite limitations. Applicant respectfully disagrees; however, in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, applicant has cancelled claims 3, 8 and 13. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's rejection of claims 3, 8 and 13, under 35 USC §112, ¶2, has been rendered moot.

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C. Rejection of Claims 1, 6 and 11 under 35 USC §102(e)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 6 and 11, under 35 USC §102(e), as being anticipated by U.S. Publication Number 2003/0128696 to Wengrovitz ("Wengrovitz").

In rejecting claim 1, the Examiner relies upon the disclosure of Wengrovitz at paragraphs 15 and 43, that read as follows:

[0015] In one embodiment, the IP telephone appliance employs different encoding mechanisms based on the address of the destination device. Based on such destination address, the second processor may decide to encrypt only a payload portion or both a header and payload portion of a particular packet.

[0043] Several factors may determine whether to encode the packet, and if so, the type of encoding to be performed. For example, if the packet received has already been encoded by the transmitting device itself, no encoding may be performed. Alternatively, the IP telephone appliance may decide to encode the packet even if already encoded, but using an encryption mode different than the one employed by the encoding device.

In contrast, claim 1, as amended, recites: "a packet block manager configured to divide said encoded voice packet into a plurality of first voice blocks each having said block size, and provide said plurality of first voice blocks to said encryption unit, said packet block manager further configured to create a remainder voice block having said block size and including remainder bytes of said encoded voice packet and additional bytes from said plurality of first voice blocks and provide said remainder voice block to said encryption unit."

Applicant respectfully submits that Wengrovitz fails to disclose that the encoded voice packet is first divided into a plurality voice blocks of a certain block size, and then a remainder voice block is created that has the block size and includes remainder bytes of the encoded voice packet and additional bytes from the plurality of voice blocks. In fact, there is no disclosure, teaching or suggestion in Wengrovitz that remainder bytes are determined after dividing the

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encoded voice packet according to the block size, let alone creating a remainder voice block having said block size and including remainder bytes of the encoded voice packet and additional bytes from the plurality of first voice blocks.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1, as amended, is patentably distinguishable over Wengrovitz for the reasons stated above. Further, independent claims 6 and 11 have also been amended to include the same limitations as claim 1, as amended, and should be allowed for the same reasons.

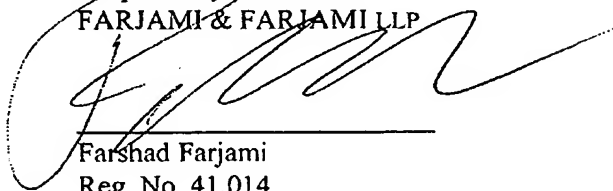
Further, applicant respectfully submits that claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14 and 15 depend from claims 1, 6 and 11, respectively, and should be allowed at least for the same reasons stated above in conjunction with patentability of claim 1, as amended.

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D. Conclusion

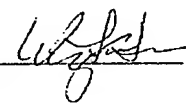
For all the foregoing reasons, an early Notice of Allowance directed to claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-12, 14 and 15 is respectfully requested.

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